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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

Applicants gratefully note the allowance of Claims 6, 7, 9-14, 16, 19-26 and 28-33 in the present application. Reasons for Allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear [the Examiner's] reasons for allowing a claim or claims." 37 C.F.R. 1.104 (e). In the present case, Applicants believe the record as a whole does make clear the reasons for allowance and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, Applicants believe that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in this case is improper as generalizing or merely copying the limitations of one or more allowed claims into the

Reason for Allowance. While Applicants believe the claims are allowable, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides solely in the specific feature or combination of features identified, or that each feature or combination of features identified is required for patentability, or that equivalents of any of the recited features are outside the scope of the claims. Moreover, to the extent the Reasons for Allowance do not separately address the subject matter of each claim, Applicants do not acquiesce to any inference that any one claim does not present patentable subject matter independent of any other claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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